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POLYMER

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Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to calculation of filing fee, please enter the following amendment in the
specification and claims:

In the Specification:

Page 1, just after the title, please add the new following paragraph:

This application is an application under 35 U.S.C. Section 371 of International
Application Number PCT/FR00/02307 filed on August 11, 2000.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-16, and replace them with the following new claims 25-51:

25. (New) A composition obtained by drying a suspension comprising:

- mineral or organic particles A, having a form factor of less than 15 and,
- mineral or organic particles B, which are dispersible in a polymer medium.

26. (New) The composition according to claim 25, wherein the suspension is obtained
by mixing at least one suspension of mineral or organic particles A having a form